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Your good luck to all who get married this year.

Mr. Slightpence—I have not met your wife. Is she here this evening?

Mr. Hansome—Yes, but just at this moment she is engaged—over there at the piano.

Mr. Slightpence (with affected enthusiasm)—Ah, I see. She is that goddess-like beauty who is playing an accompaniment for the mountain of flesh who is singing.

Mr. Hansome (stiffly)—My wife does not play. She sings.—N. Y. Weekly.

Horrible Examples.
"Yes, my hearers," said the temperance orator, "I used to be a terrible drinker. I once slept in a young cucumber bed and the patch yielded nothing but whisky pickles for two years."

"Humph!" said one of the recent converts, "that's nothing. I once spoke my name to my wife through our front door and my breath echoed my monogram in the glass."—N. Y. World.

An Inadvertence.
"That," said the artist, proudly, "is what I consider my masterpiece. And I flatter myself," he added, after a pause, "that I am at least a good judge of pictures."

"Yes," answered the thoughtless girl. "Isn't it funny that good critics are so seldom good performers?"—Washington Star.

Not Very Well Put.
Pusher—Gusher is not very happy in his choice of adjectives.
Usher—Why so?

Pusher—Miss Gums fished for a compliment by asking him what he thought of her slippers.

Usher—And what did he say?

Pusher—He said they were immense.

—Tit-Bits.

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Gov. Sayers received the following official message from the commanding general, McKibbin, in charge of Texas division, U. S. A., from his headquarters in San Antonio.

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To Gov. Sayers, Austin, Tex.:

The following dispatch has just been received:

"Fort Ringgold, Nov. 21.—Adjutant General, Department of Texas, San Antonio: Every man in garrison last night. Citizens began firing on our garrison at 7. Troop D and scouts placed on guard around garrison. Enemy opened terrific fire on garrison at 7:30 on side next to Rio Grande. City, and continued for some time. Our men, obliged protect garrison, fired several volleys. Finally ordered out Gatling gun and silenced enemy's fire. None of our men hurt; no trouble except, but rumors of gathering in country. If true, may need more troops. Cannot treat with citizens who will not even respect United States mail carrier; unsafe for garrison. Shall I send men after mail?"

RUBENSON.

"Have ordered troops of cavalry from Fort Brown to proceed by forced march to Ringgold. Am taking every possible precaution to prevent further trouble. Will keep you advised. Please wire me any information you may obtain."

M'KIBBIN,
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COL. ROBERTS TO INVESTIGATE.

SAN ANTONIO, TEX., Nov. 21.—Col. Roberts, post adjutant at Fort Sam Houston, left this afternoon on a special train for Laredo, with a detachment of the Twenty-fifth Infantry, to make an investigation of the trouble at Fort Ringgold, and to make a full report to Gen. McKibbin, the department commander.

A word is but a little thing,
Yet a small word is best
From some poor soul may leave a sting
Deep in a man's breast.
—Chicago Times-Herald.

RODS IN PICKLES.

Old Lady—Do you know what will become of you two little boys if you swear so?

First N'er-Do-Well—Oh, yes, mum; we 'opes ter be bekmen when we's old enough.—Ally Sloper.

A Lucid Explanation.
Casey—Phwat's the mainin' of this wurrd "canaille" that the Frinchemen do be always callin' sich other?

Clancy—it maines "canal." They call a man a "canal" the same as we'd call him a "tank."—N. Y. Journal.

THEY STOOD UPON THE SCAFFOLD.
duty to God and country rises above every other motive. I cannot be a traitor.

To the credit of the woman he loved he said that she ceased to urge him, and soon passed from his presence with eye undimmed, after assuring him of her increased admiration for him in view of his evident devotion to his duty. The day of execution was not long delayed. To the young captain was assigned the sad duty of pulling the lever which was to send the soul of his new found friend into eternity. Together they stood upon the fatal scaffold. Once again the captain, with voice tremulous with emotion, urged Davis to give the desired information and save his life. The doomed man hung his head a moment and his lips were seen to move in silent prayer. Then, raising his head, he firmly answered:

"If I had a thousand lives I would lose them all here before I would betray my friends or the confidence of my informant."

Stout hearts were moved by the heroism of the man, and tears stole unbidden into eyes of strong men. Reluctantly the lever was sprung, and the brave soul of Sam Davis went to meet his God.—New Voice.

Chinese Visiting Cards.
The Chinese carte-de-visite is a great curiosity, consisting of a large sheet of bright scarlet paper and bearing the name of the owner in very large letters, the larger the better. The paper is folded ten times and the name is written on the right-hand lower corner, prefixed thus: "Your unworthy friend, who bows his head and pays his respects," or "Your very stupid brother," or something to that effect. In place of "Yours truly," "Your stupid" is written on the Chinese card. The return of these cards to the visitor is considered etiquette. They are too costly for general distribution. So it is necessary that each card should do duty several times.—Chicago Chronicle.

Gifted.
"It takes some time for folks to be appreciated," said Mrs. Cornfield. "There ain't no doubt in my mind that Jeslar is a very gifted young man."

"Yes," answered her husband, "bore everything he has had, so far in life, has been given to him."—Washington Star.

A Man's Way.
Tidy Housekeeper—This is sweeping day, my dear, but you are at home, and I don't like to disturb you.

Husband—No need to. Just hang the rugs outside for an hour or two, and the neighbors will think you've swept.

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